

**REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE REGISTRATION
OF
INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING HAIR BRAIDING**

1. LEGAL AUTHORITY

The Mississippi Department of Health is authorized to establish, adopt, and enforce these rules and regulations by virtue of Section 73-7-31 and 32 of Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) “Hair Braiding” shall mean the use of techniques that result in tension on hair strands or roots by twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking or braiding of the hair by hand or mechanical device, but does not include the application of dyes, reactive chemicals, or other preparations to alter the color of the hair or to straighten, curl or alter the structure of the hair.
- (b) “Board” shall mean the Mississippi Board of Health.
- (c) “Department” shall mean the Mississippi Department of Health.
- (d) “Brochure” shall mean a publication prepared by the Mississippi Department of Health containing information about infection control techniques that are appropriate for hair braiding in or outside of a salon setting, and containing a self-test with questions on the information contained in the brochure.
- (e) “Establishment” shall mean the place or premises where a person is engaged in Hair Braiding for compensation.
- (f) “Business Hours” shall mean the time period from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- (g) “Act” shall mean Section s73-7-31 and 32 et seq. of Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated.

3. REQUIREMENT FOR REGISTRATION

Any person engaged in Hair Braiding for compensation in the State of Mississippi, and not exempted pursuant to Section 5 of these Rules, shall Register with the Department, in form and substance satisfactory to the Department. The cost of Registration shall be \$25.00.

4. REQUIREMENT FOR SELF TEST

Any person engaged in Hair Braiding for compensation in the State of Mississippi, and not exempted pursuant to Section 5 of these Rules, shall be required to complete the self test contained within the Brochure and to keep said Brochure at the premises.

5. EXEMPTION

These Regulations do not apply to cosmetologists, barbers or wig specialists licensed to practice in Mississippi in their respective fields.

6. INSPECTION

Representatives of the Department may visit any Establishment in which Hair Braiding is performed at any time during business hours to determine if the brochure and completed self-test are available.

7. VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS

Any violation of these Regulations shall be referred to the Board of Cosmetology to determine if the individual is in violation of the Cosmetology Licensure Law.